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## FOR THE PROMOTION OF THRIFT

Economy and thrift are worthy the attention of the working classes, and habits of prudence are readily acquired by them when they are helped to know how to put extravagance down and to become independent through liberation from debt. Along these lines it is pointed out that one large manufacturing concern of Boston has just completed an interesting experiment to see what it could do in a small way to inculcate habits of thrift. It had been its custom to make a small money gift to each employee at the close of the year. On inquiry it developed that the money was almost invariably spent as soon as it was received. The percentage of it which was retained to be of permanent benefit or for emergency use proved trifling. Accordingly this year the president of a local savings bank was asked to tell the employees, about to be benefited by the firm's annual gift, something of the effects of time on steady small savings, as disclosed by compound interest returns. The annual gifts were then distributed in small bankbooks. At the institution a quiet record was kept of these newly issued books. Less than ten per cent. of the accounts were withdrawn, while to thirty-two per cent. of them additional deposits have since been made.

What is needed to put workers upon a better footing is a little help and instruction in the way of getting to be forehanded. The advantages of being a creditor instead of a debtor are so great that one once familiar with them is not likely to be backward.

## A VERY GOOD SUGGESTION.

The Ansonia Sentinel thinks the time is at hand when the public schools should teach typewriting as well as writing by hand. This may be regarded as a twentieth century advance in popular accomplishments. The Sentinel says:

"It is highly desirable that a proper system of penmanship be taught in our public schools. But nowadays it is almost as desirable that the average boy or girl be taught the use of the typewriter as of the pen. In business offices, one is as necessary as the other."

"Moreover, when the typewriter is used, it matters not whether one's handwriting is Spencerian, upright, medium-slant or back-slant, it is the matter whether he uses the muscular, or the finger, or the full arm movement; the machine does the business, quickly, legibly and neatly, and the man who cannot manipulate one is at a disadvantage both in business matters and in conducting private correspondence."

All of this is true. The equipment of the higher grades of public schools calls for typewriters today. The cost of it is the same as that of the typewriter. The cost of the typewriter is the same as that of the typewriter. The cost of the typewriter is the same as that of the typewriter.

## NOT A TAX DOGGER.

The Providence Tribune has discovered one man in that city who pays a tax on more than a million and whom it refers to as "the life of a millionaire of the city of Providence."

This man is Robert Knight, who has flourished as a manufacturer and who, although he began life poor, is at the head of mills which pay a tax on four millions in different parts of Rhode Island.

Commenting upon the large tax he pays, The Tribune says:

"Mr. Knight is taxed on a real estate valuation of \$694,250 and a personal property assessment of \$202,000, a total of \$1,096,250, on which his tax last year amounted to \$128,287."

"But the peruser of the tax book is curiously piqued and he is prompted to inquire: How do the assessors know that Mr. Knight is the owner of more than a half-million dollars of what in the case of other men supposed to be very rich, is a most elusive form of wealth?"

"It may be, perhaps, that the wealth of a man who has made it all by his own efforts within a single lifetime is more easily found than is the wealth which comes by inheritance and is entailed and hidden in the hands of trustees or tied up in mysterious unit-trusts and other funds."

"Or perhaps Mr. Knight has never threatened if he was assessed on an unduly large amount of personal property to betake himself and his personal property to some nearby town, in many of which, by the way, he has large interests, and where the tax rate is low and the tax assessors complaisant and obliging."

"Mr. Knight headed the list of contributors to the republican national campaign fund with \$2,500."

"But he contributed more than seven times as much in taxes to the treasury of the city of his residence and he is entitled to the credit of acting as though he believed one's contributions, like charity, should begin at home."

"This millionaire citizen, through the great manufacturing arm of which he is the head and practically the sole owner since the death of his elder brother a number of years ago, pays taxes on more than \$4,000,000 worth of mills and machinery in this state."

"In Warwick alone he and his firm are assessed on a valuation of \$3,550,000. The mills of the firm in Westbury, this city, Cranston and Woonsocket aggregate an assessed valuation of more than a half-million dollars additional."

While Robert Knight is the only listed millionaire in Providence and appears to be entitled to this solitary distinction, The Tribune declares that there are other millionaires there who do not think it is necessary that they should reveal their personal holdings or their duty to pay taxes upon them. Under such conditions doesn't an attempt at equalizing taxes look farcical. Let the first endeavor be to equalize honesty."

The legislators ought to feel glad that no legislature on earth is ever likely to be charged with having created the helpless woman.

## LEDYARD'S HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

There is nothing like a live and generous leader in any community. The unit of force for good in any direction is the individual, and organized effort in co-operation action for broadening the work or purpose in hand. It is announced that Noyes B. Allyn is to organize a new society for the improvement of the highways of the town, to be known as "The Ledyard Highway Improvement Society." The agreement is as follows: "We, the undersigned, do agree to take out of the highway or public roads of this town, or from the gutters on the side of the road, one rock each year for the period of five years, or five rocks in all. If convenient, will do this less than the five years, at our own expense, for the purpose of improving the roads of the town."

It is not surprising that such an organization is popular and finding a large membership. As a communal endeavor to accomplish good work without adding to the public tax rate this is most commendable; and the help-one-another spirit behind it is good enough to spread throughout Connecticut. As a good road movement it ought to become contagious.

## NATURE'S BALANCES.

The weather does not vary as much as we think, and the balances in nature keep a remarkably uniform record as the years roll by. This has been a very mild winter and it seems as though we have a long while since we had a winter just like this, but the Norwich ice men began to cut ice on February 23, 1908, and began to harvest their ice on the same day this year.

Winter's averages are surprising when looked upon. The weather bureau of New York city recently compiled a table of the data for the mean temperatures of the city during the three winter months, beginning with the year 1872, when the weather bureau was organized, and covering the thirty-six years up to 1908. These statistics are as follows:

Year.	Dec. Jan.	Year.	Dec. Jan.
1872	23.8	1890	40.7
1873	28.1	1891	34.5
1874	34.1	1892	35.0
1875	37.4	1893	28.1
1876	37.4	1894	30.7
1877	37.4	1895	30.7
1878	35.3	1896	31.6
1879	28.9	1897	31.4
1880	37.8	1898	33.7
1881	37.7	1899	30.7
1882	29.6	1900	30.7
1883	29.5	1901	30.3
1884	30.7	1902	30.7
1885	29.0	1903	32.4
1886	31.0	1904	24.4
1887	31.5	1905	26.3
1888	31.3	1906	35.4
1889	33.8	1907	29.8

These figures carefully examined show that in 1880 the mean temperature was unusually high during these two months and unusually low in 1904-5. In this long period the variation was indeed slight.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

February is a short month, but the ice men expect to do a great deal of business in it.

It has been discovered that the today of the average Tennessee juror is not sugar-coated.

The man who does not know how to cure the other fellow's cold is not a native of New England.

A good way to honor Lincoln this month is to do business of all sorts upon Lincoln principles.

Happy thought for today: The board of relief shows how patiently men can listen when they are paid for it.

There are several earthquakes every day. It is seldom that earthquakes become distinguished enough to talk about.

If these Pacific coast states ever find the Japanese navy off shore they will have occasion to say: "Ain't it awful, Mahal?"

If Canada will just keep her cheap silver currency at home, this country will not mind if she refuses to take American coin.

An Oklahoma senator wants to burn the constitution. No one will hinder him from doing so as long as he has the price of one.

If Taft and his party can stand on the Gatun dam without affecting its foundations, the country should have confidence in it.

Congress has decided not to change the name of the Panama canal. It did not care to call out another special message from Roosevelt.

Any legislator should know that the length of the hatpin is of less consequence than the temper and muscle that is behind it.

Nevada will in future require a residence of two years before a divorce will be granted. That is paying dear enough for divorce.

Taft and Lilley resemble each other in this: That when they have important places to fill they do not call immediately upon the volunteers.

The rest of the country is not surprised that the footprints of the devil have been found in New Jersey. They should be found there if anywhere.

Newark has a serious fire department problem. One of the fire engines and the others punch his head for it. The board is figuring how to re-establish peace.

## First With Free Text Books.

New Britain claims to be the first city in the state to provide free text books in all of the grades below the high school, and, according to the latest decision of the United States supreme court, a tribunal which in recent decisions does not appear to be quite so conservative as Mr. Bryan, for example, has alleged.—Waterbury American.

## Must Do Business Lawfully.

A corporation operating in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law cannot collect a bill any more than can a gambler a gaming debt. That is the latest decision of the United States supreme court, a tribunal which in recent decisions does not appear to be quite so conservative as Mr. Bryan, for example, has alleged.—Waterbury American.

## Woman in Life and in the Kitchen.

### Makes Good Washcloths.

Washcloths of mosquito netting sound impracticable, but for genuine satisfaction in the using they are hard to excel.

They are made of five or six thick nesses, turned in and stitched with a long machine stitch, two inches from the edge, then diagonally from corner to corner.

Care of Matting. 6 To prevent matting from becoming yellow on the floor, wash off occasionally with a large coarse cloth which has been dipped in a strong solution of salt water. This will not only prevent it from becoming yellow, but will give the various colors a fresh and new look.

### To Prepare Long Vegetables.

Place all long vegetables, such as asparagus, carrots, parsnips and celery in cold water to make them crisp, then put on board and scrape from you.

A great quantity of vegetables can be prepared in a short space of time, besides leaving the hands absolutely stainless.

### Restoring Rancid Butter.

To purify rancid butter, melt it and skim it clean.

Put into it a piece of well-soaked bread. In a short time the bread will have absorbed all offensive taste and smell and the butter will be perfectly sweet.

### NEEDLEWORK SUGGESTIONS.

#### To Clean Linen.

Table or any other linen that is stained with raw egg should be well-soaked in cold water first, as the hot water would set the egg.

#### Raw Potato Saves Soap.

A few slices of raw potato placed in soup while cooking will prevent its being too salty.

#### Removes Iron Rust.

Tartaric acid will remove almost any iron rust blemish from material and is excellent for removing yellow marks.

#### Eggs in Shampoo.

The yolk of an egg broken up in rosewater is a trusty shampoo.

#### A Good Polish.

All outlay of energy required in polishing furniture after the final cleaning is well repaid in the appreciation by every member of the family.

A well-tested polish is made of one part benzine, one part linseed oil and two parts turpentine.

#### To Patch Wallpaper.

When patching wallpaper don't forget to preface operations by putting the new piece of paper in the sunshine to fade till it matches that on the wall.

#### Brush for Bathing.

A ten-cent small sized scrubbing brush is the nicest thing to use when washing out the hair.

It appeals to the men of the household as a very sensible way of arranging for a rather dreaded duty.

#### Protection for Silver.

Many carry the silver from the sideboard and serving table upstairs at night. If before replacing it in the morning the dusting of the dining room be done it will save a second handling of the silver.

#### Rub with Alcohol.

For the baggy appearance under the eyes rub gently with the tips of the fingers dipped in cold water and cold cream.

#### Good Way to Boil Eggs.

Eggs covered with boiling water and allowed to stand for five minutes are more nourishing and easier digested than eggs placed in boiling water and allowed to boil furiously for three and a half minutes.

#### Peroxide Harmless Bleach.

Peroxide of hydrogen is a harmless bleach when used in moderation. Pour a little in a saucer and apply with a dry linen cloth.

It may be used several times a week without injury.

#### To Soften Hard Water.

There are some women who take great pains with their complexion who consider lemon juice a better softener of hard water than either borax or ammonia, and much more beneficial to the skin.

#### Many Points on Coats.

There seem to be a good many points on the skirts of the new coats—the advance styles. There are points on the side, points in the front, points at the back—wherever one fancies.

#### Headache Cures.

Headache will often yield to a foot bath without other treatment.

#### HOME GARMENT MAKING.

The Bulletin's Pattern Service.

### Improves Pastry.

Mix pastry several hours before it is to be rolled out, and much labor is saved and a better result obtained.

### To Save Time.

A small medicine glass with markings indicating different numbers of drops will be found a great saving of time to every mother, while the accuracy of measurements by means of its well worn taking into consideration.

### To Cover Feather Bone.

The best way to keep a feather bone from hurting the neck is to open the bone at each end and cover with a small piece of tape, then fold over the edges, then diagonally from corner to corner.

### Don't Rub Soap on Hair.

When shampooing, never rub the soap directly on the hair, as it gums and is almost impossible to rub off or rinse out.

### Always have the soap in some liquid form.

### To Restore Pearl Trimming.

If pearl trimming begins to turn yellow rip off the gown and pack in a box with magnesia for a few days. Then take out and rub with soap and you will be surprised to see the gain in whiteness.

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### Don't Get Too Thin.

It is as important not to get too thin as it is to get too fat, as either condition makes even a young girl look several years older than her actual age.

A girl who considers herself fully grown should ascertain what is the correct weight for her height and then try to attain and maintain that standard.

### Creamed Beef Dish.

Add creamed beef to scrambled eggs or curried wash off sauce and add beef to an omelet just before turning over. It also gives a nice flavor to a dish of creamed potato.

### Mops for Floors.

To make a lasting mop for the floor and give the small girls something to do, wind all cord from the parlor, winding into a ball and crocheting a strip about nine inches wide and about 27 inches long.

It is through patent handles nicely and makes an inexpensive article.

### To Save Paraffin.

Paraffin used on the tops of preserve glasses can be saved until the next season by washing in cold water and putting in a tin box with an airtight lid.

### Sweep Toward Fireplaces.

When brushing a room sweep toward the fireplace, otherwise the draft from the chimney draws the dust in that direction.

### For Making Pancakes.

By adding one tablespoonful of butter or a half cup of oil to the batter pancakes can be baked without greasing the griddle.

### Popular Luncheon Dish.

A luncheon dish very popular in Mexico is made by warming large square wafled crackers in the oven and placing on each cracker a large tablespoonful or two of baked beans and catsup, heated with butter and highly seasoned.

straight cuffs, which are fastened with a button and buttonhole. The round neck is finished with a band of pink being gained if the cuffs are made of similar material, the ribbon matching the dotted neck. This yokelet is an excellent one for the dresses of the coming summer, being simple in construction and therefore particularly adaptable to washable materials, such as plain and flowered muslin or organdy, China silk, dimity or Persian lawn. The pattern is in four sizes—32, 34, 36 and 38 inches bust measure. For 34 bust the dressing sack requires 4 1/2 yards of material 22 inches wide, 2 1/2 yards 22 inches wide or 2 yards 42 inches wide; as illustrated, 1 1/2 yards of ribbon for ties.

### Order of pattern, 10 cents.

Order through The Bulletin Company, Pattern Dept., Norwich, Conn.

### Unwisely Pores.

Enlarged pores are so unsightly that too much care cannot be taken to prevent them. Wash the face carefully with soap and warm water, rinse in cold water, then apply the lotion with a piece of absorbent cotton.

### Yedda Braids Return.

The soft, pliable yedda braids will again be used this season for the summer hair.

Some elegant turbans of good size and others on the mushroom order are being made for southern wear now. Ribbon and flowers are a favorite and appropriate trimming.

### Merry Widows Must Go.

Paris predicts that the huge sweeping brim on hats will have to be curtailed, and in its place will come the narrow one with the rather high crown of the Henry III. period.

### Nets for Waists.

Toscana nets when embroidered in pastel colors are very rich for entire waists. The embroidery net need not be very elaborate.

## BRIEF STATE NEWS

Meriden.—There were thirty-four deaths in Meriden in January, which is slightly below the average.

Danbury.—Mr. and Mrs. Seth A. Downs of 8 West street celebrated their golden wedding on Tuesday.

Waterbury.—For the restoration fund to make up for the Walker defalcation \$583.85 was subscribed by the First Baptist church.

Watertown.—The eighteenth anniversary of the death of George W. C. A. Patrons of Husbandry, will be observed on Friday evening.

Stamford.—The principal increase made by the assessors this year was on stores, mills and factories, which were increased \$396,620.

Thomaston.—The freight shipments at the local station in Thomaston is unusually good. Twelve cars on one freight arrived Tuesday.

Cromwell.—The first regular trip over the new Hartford-Cromwell trolley line was made Tuesday, the special car leaving Hartford at 11:30.

Wallingford.—Since Jan. 15 Paugh pond has gained five inches.